



Middletown Shade Tree Committee

47 Academy Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940

Meeting Notes

October 25, 2018 6:30-8:30

City Hall, Middletown, NY

Attendees: *Fred Issek, Alan Lewis, Renee Stover, Barbara Bonham, Kirsten Gabrielsen*

Guests: Karen Emmerich, ReLeaf and Karen Arent, Landscape Architect

Old Business

Last month's meeting was conducted via e-mails among members.

- The tree survey related to the dog park was discussed and finalized on line.
- The choices of trees for the dog park was discussed and finalized on line.

New Business

1) Middletown Downtown – update on planting plans for the James St. and Orchard St. parking lots as well as Franklin Square.

Barbara introduced our guests, Karen Emmerich and Karen Arent who presented detailed plans for the areas mentioned above. The designs include green infrastructure installations (bio retention areas, pervious pavement, and a rain garden) while a majority of the trees and shrubs will be native species. The Committee was able to suggest various additional trees and shrubs to be included which was appreciated by the Landscape Architect. Overall, the Committee is happy about the plans and excited to see the project move forward.

2)
- Steve Karp is finalizing renderings for the Maple Hill dog park which the Committee plans to bring to the Recreation and Parks Committee for approval.

- Mary Ellen has priced posts to be used as protection of the new trees at the dog park. Final determination on the tree protection method to follow.

- Coordination of tree pick-up and potential planting of 4 or 5 trees this fall is still to be worked out with the City.

- Mary Ellen has suggested that the Committee undertake a pruning session at the Academy Ave Park. A date for the pruning session will be determined based on members' availability.

3)
- Hybrid Oak discussion: Nina Bassuk has offered that Middletown participates in tree planting of various hybrid oaks. Barbara requested that our Committee be put on the list for trees to be planted in the spring. More to follow at a later date.

Next meeting: November 29, 2018

Respectfully, Kirsten Gabrielsen